

House Resolution 197

By: Representative Rogers of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Habersham County and recognizing February 20, 2019, as Habersham County
- 2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, established in 1818, Habersham County was named for Colonel Joseph
- 4 Habersham and was originally an area of 713 square miles; and

- 5 WHEREAS, with a present size of 279 square miles and a population approaching 45,000,
- 6 Habersham County provides a diverse culture and is home to Tallulah Gorge, the Niagra
- 7 Falls of the South, and is located on the recently designated "GORGEous Mountain
- 8 Parkway"; and

- 9 WHEREAS, poet Sidney Lanier waxed about the county's southwest border, the
- 10 Chattahoochee River, in "The Song of the Chattahoochee," with lyrics such as: "out of the
- 11 hills of Habersham, down the valleys of Hall"; and

- 12 WHEREAS, holding the distinction of starting and ending in Habersham County, the Soque
- 13 River offers the best fly fishing east of the Mississippi, and other outdoor attractions in
- 14 Habersham include Lake Russell, Panther Creek Falls, and many beautiful waterfalls, hiking
- 15 trails, and rafting opportunities; and

- 16 WHEREAS, Habersham County boasts vibrant community centers with a robust business
- 17 mix, state-of-the-art medical facilities, and local events that attract residents and tourists
- 18 alike; and

- 19 WHEREAS, Habersham County is home to six historical museums and two historic colleges,
- 20 Piedmont College, with doctorate degree programs, and North Georgia Technical College,
- 21 the first technical college in the state; and

22 WHEREAS, with agriculture as the number one industry in Habersham County and tourism
23 as number two, Habersham offers attractions from outdoor recreation to cultural activities,
24 including art galleries and active community theater; and

25 WHEREAS, Habersham County provides a supportive environment for business and
26 industry, with existing industries ranging from international companies to small businesses;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Habersham County continues to look with optimism toward the future while
29 keeping the proud memory of its humble beginnings close to heart to share with the
30 succeeding generation.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Habersham County on its distinguished history and
33 recognize February 20, 2019, as Habersham County Day at the state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Habersham County.